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## Undergraduate Andrea Fuentes Wins First Place for Research Presentation



Biology major and Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) scholar Andrea Fuentes won first place for Environmental Science Research Poster at the 2019 Illinois LSAMP Symposium in Lisle, IL. Her research investigates the relationship between dragonfly biodiversity and water quality in ponds of the Indiana Dunes National Park and GSU campus. STEM majors interested in conducting research through the LSAMP program should contact [Dr. Erin Grey-Avis](#) for information.

## GSU Foundation and Alumni Association Scholarships Available

Scholarships have been posted on the GSU Foundation Website for the Fall 2019 semester. More than \$45,000 in awards are available. Please assist in getting the word out to students via classroom notices, advisor appointments, etc.

Apply today - deadline is **Friday, April 26**. All students stand a chance at receiving a scholarship, but they must apply!

Visit [www.govst.edu/foundationsscholarships](http://www.govst.edu/foundationsscholarships) for criteria and application.

## Intellectual Life Grants Available



The Intellectual Life Committee is again offering Intellectual Life Grants. The Intellectual Life Grants will be awarded for up to \$500 for events taking place between August 12, 2019 and December 6, 2019 that promote and increase awareness of the arts, humanities and other intellectual topics of universal interest.

[Learn more . . .](#)

## Call for Student Nominations for 2019 Student Commencement Speaker and Vocalist



The Commencement Student Speaker and Vocalist Committee are currently accepting applications for the commencement ceremony to be held on **Saturday, May 18**. There will be two ceremonies; one at 10 a.m. for CAS and COB, and one at 4:30 p.m. for CHHS and COE.

As a result, the committee will select two commencement speakers and two commencement singers, one for each ceremony. The speaker will provide an address, and the vocalist will sing the National Anthem at the start of the ceremony. We are seeking applications for candidates who represent all colleges for this prestigious honor.

[View criteria and application requirements.](#)

## Illinois Education Association (IEA) Student Conference



At the beginning of February, Student Education Association leaders attended the IEA 2019 Spring Conference in Bloomington Normal, IL. From **Friday, February 8 – Saturday, February 9**, the ten SEA leaders took part in a variety of professional development workshops. Speakers at the conference were current teachers, professors, district administrators, or professionals with education backgrounds.

## **GSU JEDI (Java, Engineer, Droid, Interface) Robot at Semi Final**



On **February 9**, GSU J.E.D.I. played at the Flossmoor League Tournament and ranked 10 out of 27 robotics teams. As a “Rookie Team” GSU J.E.D.I. placed in the semi-finals. GSU J.E.D.I. have shown “gracious professionalism” throughout the competition.

## 30th Annual National African American Read-In



Readers and audience celebrated the 30th Annual National African American Read-In on **February 28**. A celebration of African American literature in honor of Black History Month, this nationally acclaimed event is sponsored each year by the College of Arts and Sciences, the English



Department, and Student Life, along with the Black Caucus of NCTE (ncte.org). For the 24th year in a row, Dr. Rashidah J. Muhammad hosted this nationally acclaimed event successfully.

[View more photos from the read-in](#), and mark your calendar now for next year's spectacular event, **Monday, February 27, 2020.**

## Adult Learners, OIR Needs Your Opinion



Last week, select students, faculty, and staff received the Adult Learner 360 survey from the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). GSU has partnered with the national study to understand the needs of students over the age of 25 and identify improvements to serve them.

The survey closes on **March 18**, and the results of the study will be shared during the **March 29** campus symposium that will focus on improvements GSU can make to understand, support, and serve our adult learners.

Contact the [Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness](#) with questions.

## Open House



Learn more about Governors State at an upcoming Undergraduate and Graduate Open House on **Saturday, March 23**. Information will be provided about admission requirements, academic programs, campus resources, student activities, and on-campus housing at [Prairie Place](#).

[Learn more and register.](#)

## RSVP Now for March 29 Spring All-Campus Symposium



GSU's spring all-campus symposium will be held **Friday, March 29** on the stage of the CPA. This semester's symposium—Action Plan: Removing Obstacles for Adult Learners—will continue our work from last fall.



Last fall's symposium discussion focused on the barriers adult learners face. Since its founding in 1969, GSU has been dedicated to meeting the needs of adult learners. On March 29, we will explore action plans that will help us increase the opportunities and successes of this nationally underserved population. Pam Tate, formerly of CAEL and now chief national partnerships officer at Strada Education Network, will be our facilitator.

A continental breakfast will be available at 8:30 a.m., and we will begin promptly at 9 a.m. A working lunch is planned to ensure an early afternoon conclusion.

RSVPs, required for this event, should be sent to [Penny Perdue](#) (x4130).

## Second Annual CSIFF Accepting Submissions



The Chicago Southland International Film Festival is accepting submissions for its second annual festival at Governors State University. The international short film competition featuring both student and professional films from around the globe will take place **September 6 – 7**, and the Feature Film Showcase (non-competition) will consist of feature film screenings on **September 8**.

[Submit your film](#) for consideration, and learn more at [www.govst.edu/CSIFF](http://www.govst.edu/CSIFF).

## Announcements and Events

### Respond to Violence "Speakers Corner"

Do you have a story about how violence has impacted your life? If so, we encourage you to share. The Respond to Violence initiative is taping student stories as a part of our ongoing “Speakers Corner,” designed to give voice to those affected by violence.

Some of the final videos will be shared on the [Respond to Violence webpage](#). Taping will take place **Wednesday, March 6**, from 1 – 5 p.m. in Digital Learning and Media Design.

For more information or to sign up for a taping slot, please email [Yvette Brown](#).

## Salute to Grads: Commencement Preparation

Stop by Salute to Grads on **Wednesday, March 6**, from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. in the Hall of Governors to take care of all of your graduation needs. Jostens will be on hand to measure you for your cap and gown. You may also order announcements, GSU class ring, diploma frames, and more. LifeTouch Event Photography will also be available to take professional graduation photos (with regalia) as well as business portraits.

You will also receive important information regarding the ceremony, and assistance will be available from the Commencement Office, Career Services, the Alumni Association, the Recreation and Fitness Center, Follett Bookstore, Student Life, and Veteran's Affairs.

## Ash Wednesday Program

Dr. Daniel Cortese, Professor of Sociology, will be distributing ashes in the Main Atrium of the D Building (by the Main Entrance) to all those who request this symbolic ritual in celebration of Ash Wednesday on **March 6** from 3 – 5 p.m., or until all ashes have been placed. The placement of ashes on the forehead symbolically represents the Lenten season of sacrifice and reminds participants to remember their mortality and, as a result, remember to treat others with respect, dignity, and fairness.

For any questions, you may reach out to [Dr. Cortese](#).

## 2019 – 20 Club and Organization Budget Request Process

Calling all student clubs, organizations, and advisors – the 2019 – 20 budget process has begun. All registered student clubs and organizations may submit a budget request for funds to support their programs and events for 2019 – 20. All budget requests must be submitted in Jaguar Connection by **Monday, April 1**. There will information sessions held on **Thursday, March 7** and **Tuesday, March 12** at 3:30 p.m. in A2110.

For more information, email [Robert Clay](mailto:Robert.Clay).

## Noted Artist and Potter Jason Bige Burnett Hosts Events for GSU Community



Visiting artist Jason Bige Burnett, potter and author, will be on campus this **Thursday, March 7**. He will be lecturing about Print on Clay and from 3 – 4:30 p.m. in room F1622. He will also be demonstrating print on clay from noon – 2 p.m. and 6 – 9 p.m. in the Ceramics Studio (E1526). These events are sponsored by Art Forum and a GSU Intellectual Life Grant.

Questions? Email [GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu](mailto:GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu).

## Insights: Life Before, During, and After Incarceration



Join the GSU Criminal Justice Department for a presentation by author and community activist Darryl Cooke on **March 12** from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. Learn about the impact of mass incarceration at both the individual and national levels, and explore how individuals can be agents of social change for one of the most serious epidemics facing our nation.

This event is free and open to the public. Contact Professor [Caron Jacobson](#), facilitator of the event, for more information.

## Chicago Style Steppin'



An urban dance that originated in Chicago, [Steppin'](#) is a variation of swing dance which continues to evolve. Want to try Steppin'? Bring your dancing shoes to a FREE session with instructor Celeste Sutton on **Tuesday, March 12** at 3 p.m. in the GSU Racquetball Court. [RSVP with Michelle Sebasco](#).

If you find you love it, join us for [a four-week session](#) on Tuesdays (**April 16, 23, 30, and May 7**) from 6 – 7 p.m. in the GSU Racquetball Court. Fee \$60 per person. [Register with Michelle Sebasco](#).

Physicians' approval recommended, waiver required.

## Late Night Bowling with Student Activities Council



Join Student Activities Council for an evening of bowling at Lakewood Bowl on **Friday, March 8**. Tickets are still available for purchase in A2129. \$10 per person includes transportation, 2 hours of bowling, food and shoes. Bus leaves GSU (main entrance) at 7:15 p.m. and returns at 10:30 p.m.

For more information, [click here](#)

## 2019 Spring Open Market

Come out and support local vendors and crafters at the Annual Spring Open Market, sponsored by the GSU Civil Service Senate. The event, open to the public, will be held **March 13 – 14** from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. in the Hall of Governors.

For more information, contact [civilservice@govst.edu](mailto:civilservice@govst.edu) or call 708.534.4481.

## Student Senate Elections for 2019 – 20 Academic Year

Student Senate Elections for the 2019 – 20 academic year are underway. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to gain leadership skills and serve peers. We ask faculty to recommend qualified students to participate. Student Senate Election Packets are available on Jaguar Connection and must be submitted to Student Life by **Friday, March 15**. There will be information sessions on **Thursday, March 7** and **Tuesday, March 12** at 3:30 p.m. in A2110.

For more information email [Robert Clay](mailto:Robert.Clay).

## GRE and LSAT Preparation Courses



Hosted by the School of Extended Learning, the GRE and LSAT Preparation Courses will begin Saturday, **March 30** from 9 a.m. – noon at GSU. Registrations are still being accepted and the deadline is **March 18**.

Register [here](#) for the GRE Preparation Course.

Register [here](#) for the LSAT Preparation Course.

For more information, please contact [Dr. Felicia L. Townsend](#), Director of Corporate and Community Education at [ftownsend@govst.edu](mailto:ftownsend@govst.edu) or 708.534.3044.

## SHERO Women's Leadership Symposium

The S.H.E.R.O. Women's Leadership Symposium inspires women to seek their highest level of personal and professional development through a greater understanding of leadership and the acquisition of new ideas to optimize and sustain personal potential. S.H.E.R.O. stands for Sharing Her Story of Empowerment, Resilience and Opportunity.

The annual SHERO Women's Leadership Symposium has been rescheduled to **Friday, April 5**. [Register here](#) by **Friday, March 22**.

## Time to Get Ready to Celebrate Sandy's Birthday





Be sure to stop by the library on **Tuesday, April 2** for Sandy's birthday party. To help celebrate, we are creating a birthday blanket for Sandy and need pictures of students, faculty, and staff with Sandy. Stop by the library any Tuesday from 2 -5 p.m. Take your picture with Sandy and post it to [Sandy's Facebook page](#).

Questions? Email [GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu](mailto:GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu).

## Mindfulness Practice in the Library Every Thursday



Join Dr. Tim Pedigo every Thursday afternoon from 3:20 – 4:20 p.m. for a meditation session and mindfulness practice in the GSU Library. "These are challenging times, but an amazing opportunity to practice mindfulness," offer Dr. Pedigo.

Questions? Email [GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu](mailto:GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu).

## Team Jaguar Fit Camp

Team Jaguar Fitcamp is a 5-week class beginning **Monday, April 1**, that will focus on a variety of ways participants can maintain and improve their physical health and body composition. Each class will include strength training, cardio intervals and more.

[Learn more . . .](#)

## Avoiding Pitfalls in Public Speaking



*Instructor*  
**Jeanne Sparrow**

Hosted by the School of Extended Learning, the Avoiding Pitfalls in Public Speaking workshop will take place **Wednesday, April 10**, 9 a.m. – noon at GSU. During a recent Training News interview with Dr. Felicia L. Townsend, workshop instructor, [Jeanne Sparrow](#) highlighted topics that will be covered during the workshop. Register for the workshop [here](#). GSU staff, faculty, students, and alumni use discount code GSU55 during checkout. For more information, please email [Dr. Felicia L. Townsend](#), Director of Corporate and Community Education or by calling 708.534.3044.



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